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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/PP

SUBJECT : Project AEQUOR/PP Activities Report
for 15 March to 15 May 1959.

CASE OFFICER []

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1. RENEWAL DATE: 17 November 1959

2. ORGANIZATION DATA: No changes.

3. PERSONNEL MATTERS: AECAMBISTA/4, is due to immigrate to the United States circa July 1959. He had not departed earlier, even though he was eligible, because he could not find suitable employment in the United States. Members of the ENR are now in the process of locating employment for him.

4. SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS: AECAMBISTA/18 has become the subject of Soviet Intelligence interest. The Field Case Officer is handling all aspects of this situation.

5. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

a. The newspaper BATSKAUVSHCHINA continues to be published.

b. The Headquarters Case Officer received from AECAMBISTA/4 a list of names, approximately 53 in Byelorussia and 52 in Poland, of persons who receive the BATSKAUVSHCHINA regularly. This total of 105 does not include the fifty or so copies which are sent regularly to official Byelorussian government agencies. In addition, AECAMBISTA/4 also forwarded the name and address of a BATSKAUVSHCHINA distributor who resides in SWEDEN. This person receives newspapers from the editorial offices of the BATSKAUVSHCHINA and forwards them to persons in Poland and Byelorussia.

c. For reasons yet unknown the Case Officer was not able to have sufficient time with AETRELLIS/1 to do more than recruit him. This possibility had been prepared for earlier by having AECAMBISTA/11 recruit AETRELLIS/1 ostensibly for the ENR (in reality for the U.S.A.). AETRELLIS/1 will report on anything of importance in the political, social, religious, economic and military fields. He will write to one of the Munich post office boxes used by the BATSKAUVSHCHINA newspaper. AETRELLIS/1 will use

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the initials HAX as an indicator. At the time of his recruitment, 7 April 1959, when he agreed orally to do whatever was asked of him by the Headquarters Case Officer, AETRELLIS/1 stated that he could return to the USA in approximately one year. At that time, if we found his letters to be of sufficient interest to so warrant, he would be completely willing to spend whatever time was necessary undergoing preparation to fulfill our desires.

d. AEPRIMER/1, who is a member of the BNR, has been in contact with a member of the Soviet Mission in New York City and with the Second Secretary of the Byelorussian delegation to the U.N. During one of the meetings with SITNIKOV, the Second Secretary, SITNIKOV expressed a desire to obtain Byelorussian history books printed in the West. At a subsequent meeting AEPRIMER/1 produced a number of books on the subject plus other literature which he thought would perhaps be of interest. Of the literature offered to him, SITNIKOV took two works: Adamovich's book, "The Sovietisation of Byelorussian Literature" and Abramshik's, "Independence Day Manifesto". When AEPRIMER/1 mentioned that these were not truly history books SITNIKOV replied that he was aware of the fact but his interest was aroused by these works. AEPRIMER/1 has been directed by his Case Officer to continue the friendship on a social plane only. This situation prevails as of this writing.

e. It is planned to have AECAMBISTA/11 polygraphed this month to ascertain the reasons for the seeming non-support given by him to the AETRELLIS Project Case Officer. If the results so warrant, AECAMBISTA/11 will be dropped as a contract agent and his connection with the AEQUOR complex will be shelved.

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